Brookfield April 19th

My Dear Brother,

Again has a long time passed since I last wrote you, but you have doubtless heard that this will reach you the reason of my long silence, but I am happy to state that Brother is on the road to health once again I left him one week ago last Friday after seeing that Stephen and his views were settled. Do you realize fully that you have a new sister? They appear to be very happy. I wish you could have been at the wedding. We had a jolly time of it, no one but the son, his wife, her brothers, myself and you.
may believe that they did not take much comfort in their new situation that evening, the event taking place at half past seven P.M. they were not
allowed to retire till after ten o'clock, when they did it was to feed a tremendous
baby East (then possession of their bed, and all remained even night in the
morning they were sound asleep out of bed, and so on, an endless variety
of tricks, I have no doubt, they were ex
jiced when we left them, which was at Father's Thursday, but they were almo
at last accounts, I was some time past
day (last Thursday) came to went on the crust.
We are making considerable sugar
for us, have made about 25 lbs. and, as it is snowing now I think we shall
get some more, though sugaring is nearly
through I think it has then very nice
and clean we have often thought of you
when sugaring off. The snow is nearly
all gone I think in some places an
people are working on their place.

Mr. Clarke's folks have moved on to Mr. Cotton's place. Ellen has been very sick is just able to be about house now. They lost a fine boy, feel very much disappointed. Ellen Benedict has been sick with Billows from John was very attention. He sec a letter from Uncle last week was well and in his old place yet.

The school children are thick this spring. I suppose we shall have Emma Bailey, Cora Wilson teaches in her father's district. The village has the same one that taught in winter, a Miss Barlow from Brannard. I do not see one here any thing from Miss Belle, but her father was there a few days since. Holy the last—

Maria began to have poor eyes.
in the winter. They are not well yet some times they are not even. Ellen and myself have the colds & coughs, she begins to go slower, she does look so coming into fall. I will tell the truth she grows coming every day she has. I read a letter from Mrs. Hough and Mrs. Cleveland a few days since her husband has been sick nearly all winter, Carrie was well at home, had heard nothing from Pity and a letter from Ellen Crocker from Ill. you remember her don't you? she has written me several times -

She has got a very good Frenchman this year, can't say hardly a word of English so just once he sent her a box of candy, by packing so fast that one can hardly think for themselves as it is next Wednesday I must close this second for now write just as soon as you get an opportunity to your dear sister

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